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SENIORS EXCITING TRIP TO NEW YORK

Thursday, March 26, was a very exciting day for the seniors of Big Island and also Boonsboro, including three sponsors. There were eight seniors from Big Island and Mrs. Oliver, our Sponsor. We left the Trailway Bus Terminal, Lynchburg Va., at 8 P.M. for a long overnight ride to New York.

After a long and rainy night we arrived at the "President Hotel" in New York about 5:30 A.M. After freshening up and eating breakfast, we went into the Rockefeller Center for NBC Studio tour. I think we were really too tired and sleepy to thoroughly enjoy it. We had the rest of the afternoon and night off; so we decided to go to the Circus. Everyone really enjoyed this—it was fantastic. We also had to walk home in the snow, which was very cold.

Saturday, March 28, we awakened early and ate breakfast. We took many interesting and educational tours including a cruise, Manhattan Island, Statue of Liberty, and the United Nations Building. We also had a free, delicious and an enjoyable lunch at Child's Restaurant. That night we attended the Balasoo Theatre and saw the Play "Once More, with Feeling", starring Arlene Francis and Joseph Cotton. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Well, Sunday was another very busy day for us. We toured the Hayden Planetarium, also the Museum of Natural History. This was something I will never forget. At 5:00 we returned to our hotel. We had the night free so we could go shopping or most anything we wanted to do. I think the biggest majority remained in the hotel.

On Monday, which was really our last day, we went to the Empire State Building and also shopped in some of the large stores, such as Macy's and Gimballs. After shopping around, we returned to the hotel, and rested until 7:00. Then we walked to the Radio City Music Hall for the stagershow featuring the famous "Rockettes", we also saw the magnificent movie, "Green Mansions", starring Audrey Hepburn and Anthony Perkins. After this we returned to the hotel.

Tuesday (Yes, it finally arrived)—We left New York about 9 A.M. and arrived in Lynchburg about 7:30 P.M.

Now, that I have told what we all did I want to express my own thoughts. I think New York is wonderful, but give me good old Virginia, Please! This was a trip I shall never forget and I'm sure no one else will either. And believe me, we are all still sleepy, but wasn't it worth it, Seniors?

We, the Senior Class, wish to thank Mrs. Oliver for the wonderful time she showed us, and also for keeping us all together. She seemed to really enjoy it, too.

Since Gladys was unable to make the trip with us, we presented to her a beautiful compact which was from all of the Seniors.

We are all very sorry she couldn't go. We missed her very much and we all hope she will be fortunate enough to go to New York in the future.

We are proud of our record of good behavior while we were away. I'm sure Mrs. Oliver can tell you that we were a well-behaved group and kept the name and reputation of our school high.

—Shirley Turpin

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SOUTHEASTERN ASSEMBLY

"The Indians are coming!" was the cry around the school on Tuesday, April 7, and they did. At 2 P.M. after both elementary and high school assembled, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart of South Carolina demonstrated how Indians talk, sing and dance. Mrs. Stuart played the piano while Mr. Stuart danced.

Their program consisted of a number of good acts which we all enjoyed.

—Opal Goff



TRIP TO JAMES LEES

On Thursday morning, April 9, the seniors along with Mr. Braswell and Mrs. Oliver, visited James Lees and Sons.

We went on a tour of the plant with Dan Mason as our guide. After the tour, Bill Hamilton explained how the plant got started, and then we returned to the cafeteria for lunch. After lunch we returned to school.

We really enjoyed the trip, and we are glad we had the opportunity to visit the plant.

—Opal Goff

SCA ELECTION

On March 24th the SCA held the election of officers for the year 1959-60 in the gym. The vote was cast by the method of secret ballot.

The following officers were elected:

President-----Neil Casto
1st. Vice-President-----Johnny Reynolds
2nd. Vice-President-----Ann Tomlinson
Secretary-----Eleanor Tomlin

The cooperation of all the students will be appreciated in the coming year so that the SCA will be a success.

Ann Tomlinson

The PTA of Big Island held an achievement night program of Thursday night, April 9. Mr. Roy Kyle, Supt. of Bedford County School, was guest speaker and was introduced by Mrs. J. P. Taylor. Mr. Kyle explained needed and proposed changes in requirements for our school to remain on the accredited list. He also brought a map of Bedford County showing how the schools are now located like spokes of a wheel, with Bedford town as the hub. He pointed out the present bus routes and quoted distances from homes to schools and gave the present enrollment of the eight county schools. Big Island was among the smaller enrollment group, with Stewartsville the largest enrollment, around 900 pupils. Mr. Kyle pointed out that the state within the next five years was requiring two years of laboratory science; the eight will be included in the high school beginning next fall.

Mrs. Earl Ware, Vice-President of the Lynchburg PTA District, gave a report and asked the group to vote on several matters concerning the improvements of our Virginia schools and the continuation of the operation of public schools in Virginia. This was done.

Mrs. T. J. Booker, representative of Charlement District and the only woman representative on the county school board, reported that the school board was complying as soon as possible with Big Island PTA's request for suitable fire escapes to be put on the outside of the grade rooms.

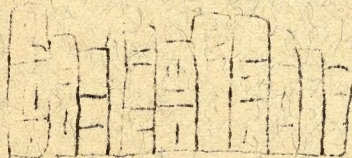
An added attraction for the meeting was the unusually beautiful exhibit of school work on display. Most of the grades and secondary classes had fine specimens of written and illustrated works on hand, including completed projects in Health, History, Forestry, Mechanical Drawing, Typing, Shorthand, Biology, Science, Home Ec., Art, and Shop. Those who viewed the exhibits in the auditorium thought they represented a great deal of work and ability on the students' part.

After a question and answer session, Mrs. John Trevery, out-going President of the local PTA, adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held in May at the regular time, at which time, the new officers will be installed.

—Mrs. Parks



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CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Recently, the State Dept. of Education has made changes in the requirements for graduation of all pupils entering the eighth grade next fall. At the present time, sixteen units are required for graduation in Virginia. Beginning next fall, twenty units will be required which means that the eighth grade will become a part of the high school and students will pass according to subjects and not by grade as it now stands. In relation to high school subjects, other changes have also been made. At the present time the requirements for graduation are one course in math, one in science, four in English, American History and American Government. Next year the requirements will be two units in Laboratory science. General science when taught as a laboratory science may count as one of these and the other Biology, Chemistry, Physics or what may be offered. Five units in English will be required instead of four. Three units in Social science are required. These are American History, American Govern-

ment, and either World History or World Geography. Neither of the latter two are required at the present time. Two units in mathematics are required. General math in grade eight may count as one of these. The requirement set forth for Health and Physical Education is a minimum of two and one-half years. This means that the number of required subjects has been raised from eight to twelve. The additional required subjects are: English I, Social Science I, Math I, and Laboratory Science I.

A faculty member or myself will attempt to direct all students in the proper selection of courses and try to provide for you the best that we can offer with the facilities which we have. Any student who would like to discuss their high school program in regard to selection of courses may feel free to contact any of the teachers or myself for aid. It would be advisable that you make an appointment for a certain time.

—The Principal



DON'T BE A LITTERBUG

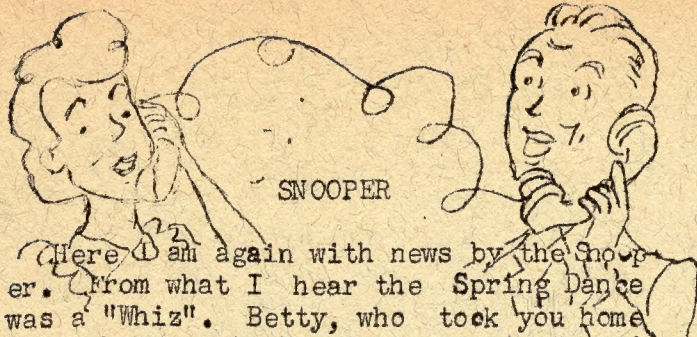
"Take out the papers and the trash". This is an excerpt from a record which was a top hit not so long ago. It deserves very well to illustrate the trouble we

cause when we are careless with our ice cream wrappers, scrap paper, etc. We have no idea how much trouble it saves the janitor when we throw only one piece of paper in the disposal basket.

Not only does this thoughtless error cause our employees much trouble, it gives our school a poor name. I have been told that the first impression is a lasting one. Consequently, when a visitor comes to our school, for the first time and finds the halls littered with trash you can imagine what kind of opinion he is going to take away with him. If each of us could be in the janitor's place for a day, I am sure we would understand the problem 100% better.

Bearing in mind the preceding information, I am sure that all of us can and will make our school a cleaner one so all may be proud of it.

—Billy Williams



SNOOPER

Here I am again with news by the Snooper. From what I hear the Spring Dance was a "Whiz". Betty, who took you home from the dance? I know it wasn't Wayne!

From my snooping and peeking I find that Jimmy Swain has all the ninth grade girls swooning. What is your secret Jimmy? I can not find a reason for the split-up between Earl and Emma, though, no matter how much I have snooped. They were such a cute couple.

Marjorie and Patsy seem to be talking an awful lot about Bedford now-a-days. Why is this, girls?

Harold seems to be playing the field quite a lot. You had better make up your mind soon or there may be a brawl between a "few" girls.

Lois, what was it that Ira gave you for your birthday? We haven't seen head nor tails of it.

It seems as though I cannot gather any news on the Senior Class while they were in New York. What about this, Seniors?

What's this I hear about Edna taking a trip to Florida? Is it for a Florida tan?

In my travels I hear that Shirley T. has started dating Wesley W. again. Is it for real this time, Shirley?

Gladys, what are your future plans? Maybe I had better talk to A. J. It seems pretty serious.

JUNIOR CLASS TO PRESENT PLAYS

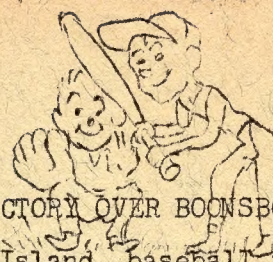
The Junior Class will hold the Class Plays on Friday, April 24. "An Orchid For Linda" and "Womanless Wedding" will be presented by the Juniors.

The cast in "An Orchid For Linda" are as follows: Betty St. John, Brenda Ross, Patsy Feagans, Kaye Hensley, Corretta Hensley, Myrtle Tolley, Lawless Camden, Bud Burks, and Billy Williams.

The following boys will be in the "Womanless Wedding", Neil Casto, James Peters, Lawless Camden, Bud Burks, Fred Massie, Mike Brown, Robert Cheatham, Kyle Williams, Billy Williams, Billy Hudson, and Danny Mason.

Jeannette Rice will be Mistress of Ceremonies.

By: Jeannette Rice



VICTORY OVER BOONSBORO

The Big Island baseball team got off to a slow start by losing the first two games of the season, but with the fine coaching of Mr. Braswell, we made a startling comeback by blanking the Boonsboro Nine, 8 to 0. With good weather along with some good fielding, I think we can make this the best season that we have had in a long time.

Best of luck to the team the remainder of the season.

By: Billy Hudson

F.H.A. MEETING

On Thursday, April 9, Ann Tomlinson, Martha Burch, Kaye Hensley, Betty St. John, Edna Coffey, and Miss Owen, Sponsor, attended an F.H.A. Executive Meeting in Bedford.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers for the coming year.

They are:

Thelma Weurgler-President
Joyce Burnette-Vice President
Gaynelle Spradlin-Secretary
Letha Fuga-Treasurer
Betty St. John-Reporter
Joyce Bohn-Historian
Trudy Heylton-Song Leader

Before returning home, we stopped by the Forks Restuarant for a delicious dinner.

Thursday, April 23, the F.H.A. Spring Federation Meeting will be held at New London beginning at 7 o'clock.

GLEE CLUB

Every Thursday the Glee Club has been meeting and practicing for the Commencement exercises, under the direction of Miss Page, which will be held in June. Thanks to Miss Page, for her patience and efforts with the Glee Club.

FLASH!!

Dr. Robert Williams, Executive Secretary of V.E.A., was guest speaker at the Annual Banquet of the Bedford County Education Association at Bedford Armory on April 16, at 6:30 P.M.

BIG ISLAND OBSERVES FHA WEEK

The Big Island Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended church in a group Sunday, April 5th.

The theme this year is "interpret" F. H. A. To Your Home, School, and Community.

An activity has been set up for each day of the week. An exhibit will be in the window at Johnson's store, and a bulletin board in the main hall at school.

The week has been set up as follows:

Sunday--Church Day.
Monday--School Day.
Tuesday--Family Day.
Wednesday--Community Day.
Thursday--Publicity Day.
Friday--Chapter Day.
Saturday--Contribution Day.

Jeanne Ramsey

F. H. A. ASSEMBLY

The F. H. A. Club of Big Island had their second assembly program on April 13, 1959. Devotions were read by Betty Byers. Mr. Paul Emerson lead us in prayer. Afterwards Patsy Feagans lead the group in the first verse of "America."

Instead of the usual assembly program, a film was shown, "A Citizen, Dave Douglas." The movie was very interesting. With no other announcements the program was adjourned.

Betty Byers

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of Big Island High School met in the Home Economics room with Sponsor, Beth Owen, presiding March 16.

On March 25, the officers of the F. H. A. of Big Island met with sponsor, Beth Owen, to discuss plan for F. H. A. week in April.

Sandra Wood

BETA CLUB CONVENTION

At last the long-awaited day arrived, and eight jubilant Beta Club members, along with Mr Oglesby and Mr. Braswell, started our journey to Richmond to attend the State Beta Club Convention held on March 21-22 at the John Marshall Hotel.

A picnic lunch, prepared by the members, was served at a picnic area which was Robert E. Lee's last post before his surrender at Appomattox. After such an enjoyable meal and too much food, we continued on our trip.

We arrived in the midst of a traffic jam, but we finally settled in a small parking lot. Our luggage was "lugged" a block to our weekend headquarters, the Hotel King Carter. After unpacking, and freshening up, we walked three blocks to the John Marshall Hotel where we registered and attended the first session of the State Convention. The candidates for state offices of 1960, gave their speeches and returned to the hotel to get ready for the Beta Talent Show at 8 O' clock. The talent was very enjoyable.

Although we didn't get much sleep Friday night, we had to rise early Saturday morning, in order to attend a 9 o' clock session. The session was short, so we "skipped" the group sessions, and took a "stroll around town." We visited the State Capitol, the State Museum, and the White House of the Confederacy. After we had lunch, we went for a "long craze" ride, but Edna and I got rather tired, so we went back to the hotel. The boys took a "journey" to the airport after we left.

The banquet and dance were held Saturday night. Both were very wonderful and enjoyable.

Well, after such a long day, and so much fun, I really was tired Saturday night. I went to bed "early" and to my sorrow, I slept until 9 O' clock Sunday morning. I was soon informed that we were supposed to meet in the hotel lobby by nine to go to breakfast. Edna and I got there at 9:30. After breakfast, we decided to pack and start home. We left at 11:00 and arrived here about 3:00.

We had a most enjoyable weekend, and I'm sure everyone was glad to have the opportunity to attend the State Convention of such a wonderful organization-- the Beta Club.

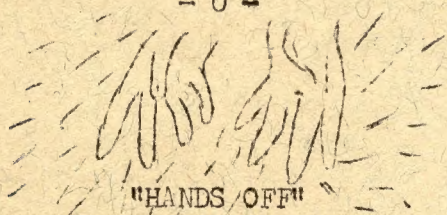
Gladys Tomlin



SONG DEDICATIONS

Shirley to Wesley.....This Should Go On
Forever
Dot to Ronnie.....Come Softly To Me
Gladys to A. J.....No Other Love
Barbara C. to Bob.....There'll Never Be
Anyone Else But You
David to Judy.....Need Your Love Tonight
Joyce to Henry.....Valley Of Tears
Jane to Larry.....There Must Be A Way
Opal to Bob.....I'll Wait For You
Joe to Susie.....That's My Little Susie
Eleanor to Bob.....Summertime Blues
Carol to James.....The Wedding
Emma to Earl.....Story Of My Love
Janice to Eddie.....Fools Like Me
Franklin to The Freshman Class...Sixteen
Candles
Johnny to Carolyn.....She Say
Jeannette to Wray.....For A Penny
Kaye to Frank.....Thrill Of Love
Marie P. to Woody S....Only Make Believe
Pauline to Carl.....It's Only The
Beginning

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The Big Island High School typing class is held daily on the stage, because there is no other available space. The typewriters are left on stage from class to class because of the lack of storage room. It seems that some time during the day, busy little fingers play with the valuable machinery. Then you hear the teachers cry, "Hands Off". Occasionally students of this class will find keys stuck, carriages jammed, and various other little gadgets bent or broken. This in turn takes time from the class while the typewriter is being fixed, replaced, or adjusted.

Another problem is the fact that people are sitting on the typewriter tables. This will loosen or break the

table very easily and may cause a typewriter to hit the floor. Someone was overheard saying, "Those typewriter tables look like they are suffering from polio--the legs are so deformed!" Again you hear the teachers cry, "Hands off."

I think if we all abide by the "Hands Off" deal, the typewriter, principal, teacher, and pupil will stay in a much better working order. As well as "frame of mind".

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THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The "silver streaks" you have been seeing for the past few weeks are the members of the Junior Class, setting up the final plans for the Junior-Senior Banquet. This is indeed to be a fine affair and is looked upon with eager eyes by the members of both classes.

This year the banquet promises to be even better than those of previous years, as plans have been made to hold the banquet at Natural Bridge Hotel. The banquet will be served at 7:00 and to end a wonderful night, a prom in the ballroom with music under the direction of Joe Lynn.

Yes, on May 8, the excitement will reign high among the upper classmen as they plan to become "Cinderella and Prince Charming" for a night.

By: Betty St. John

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THE S. C. A. CONVENTION

"Realizing Our Responsibilities" was the theme for the Student Council Association Convention which Kay Hensley, Eleanor Tomlin, and Mrs. Parks, sponsor, attended at Madison College, on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4.

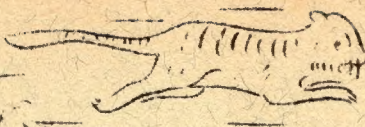
Some highlights of the convention were the following: general sessions, discussion groups, banquet, talent show, the election of state officers for 1959-60, and an address by Mr. George E. Mathes, Director of Student Activities and Science, at Denver Public Schools.

We had a wonderful time and I do wish that we could have had more representatives, but our number was limited to two because of our enrollment.

By: Eleanor Tomlin

Daffynishion: Grand Canyon-Hole of Fame
Daffynishion: High Chair---Baby Sitter

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JOKE PAGE

Daffynishion: Vacation—that time when a man stops doing what his boss wants and does what his wife wants.

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Aunt Maggie had just reached her 104-th birthday. When asked if she had a special formula, she replied with a smile, "Keep breathing."

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Daffynishion: Hotel—a place where one often gives good dollars for poor quarters.

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Two Boy Scouts were hiking thru the woods. Suddenly one stopped and sighed sadly.

"What's the matter?" asked his friend. "Nothing," he said—"but I do wish we had Emily Post with us."

The second scout was puzzled. "Why?" he asked.

"Because I think we took the wrong fork."

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Office boy: Boss, sometime I think I'm wandering in my mind.

Boss: Don't worry. You can't get lost in such a small place.

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Ma: Pa I think it's time that we should think of our daughter getting married.

Pa: Oh let her wait until the right man comes along.

Ma: Why wait? I didn't.

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She had paper and pencil ready as the operator looked up the number. "Madam," the operator said, the number is Capital 5-1531."

The woman paused, then asked, "How do you make a capital 5."

One day an old white-haired man was walking down the street and saw a little boy trying to ring a doorbell.

The old man walked up to the boy and rang the bell for him. Then he asked the boy "What next?"

"Well," the little fellow said, "I don't know about you but I'm going to start running."

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Jack: How on earth did Sam get ~~suspended~~ from school for cheating?

Neil: He was caught counting his ribs during a biology exam.

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Mother: Why are you crying Johnny?

Johnny: I cleaned the bird-cage and the canary disappeared.

Mother: How did you clean it?

Johnny: With the vacuum cleaner.

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Elevator Operator: Here you are son, tenth floor.

Old Man: Don't call me son.

Operator: Why not? I brought you up.

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Teacher: Give me a sentence with an object in it.

Pupil: You are very beautiful, teacher.

Teacher: What is the object?

Pupil: A good grade.

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DEFINITION OF A KISS

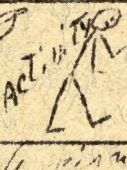
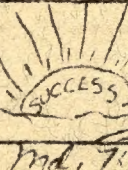
It is a noun because it is common and proper. It is a pronoun because she stands for it. It is a conjunction because it joins together. It is a verb because it may be active. It is a preposition because it has an object. It is an infinitive because it expresses action. It is an objective because it needs no explanation. It is an adverb because it tells her how much he loves her.

APRIL
Showers

APRIL

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19	20 Huddleston Here	21	22 Concord Here	23	24 J. L. Play School Day	25 Teachers Workshop
26	27	28 Gro. Scholarship Here Stev. Hill	29	30		

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3	4 Annual Program	5 Ind. T. T. Here	6	7	8 J. L. Play Baptist	9
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17	18	19 M. T. T. Here	20	21	22	23
24 Baccalaureate Service 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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